

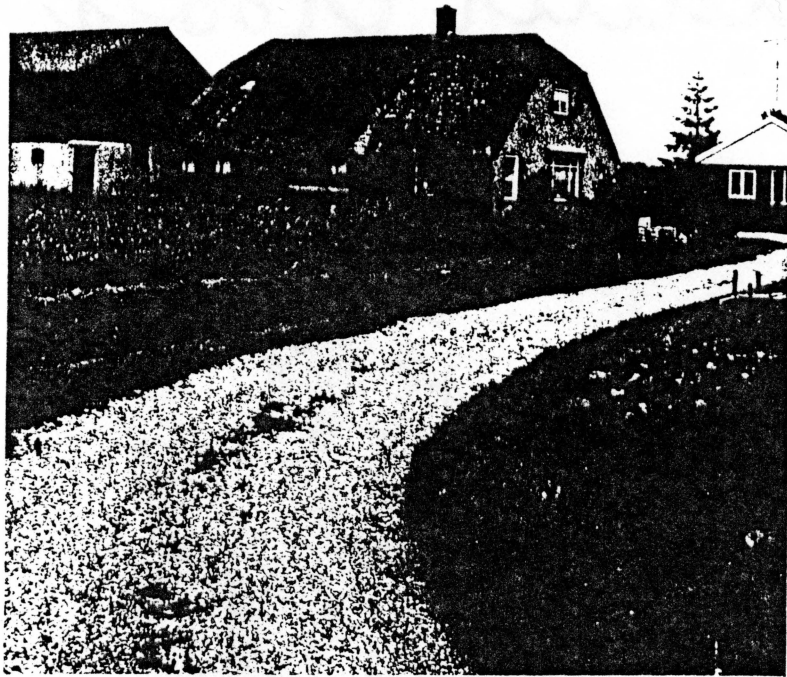
# Dutch Roots



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On July 21, 1984 my husband, Earl, and I were in Schoonrewoerd (Skōn' rā vord), South Holland. What a thrill it was to walk down the lane to the thatched roof house that had been my grandfather's home at the edge of the little village. There it stood with beautiful flowers growing around it - still being tenderly cared for one hundred fifty years later. It was a farm house and had been in the midst of a cherry orchard years ago. There is a line on the roof which denotes that two thirds of the house had originally housed the farm animals.

We also walked through the streets of the village. The church has stood there for over 500 years! The names on the headstones in the churchyard are familiar Dutch names. In fact, one was den Hartog which was my great great grandmother's name. A stork had nested in the town hall chimney, which is a good sign for the townspeople. It means a prosperous year is in store.

Johannes van Wijngaarden, my grandfather, and his seven younger brothers and sisters must have walked those streets many times before coming to the U.S. in 1855. Grandfather was almost 16 years old and the youngest child, Uncle Gerrit, was only 1 year old when they made the long voyage to America to find more prosperous farming conditions.

My records show that Schoonrewoerd was the birthplace of the van Wijngaardens as far back as the 1700's. Probably before that since the village was founded about 1400. The spelling of the family name has changed several times in the past generations. The great grandfather Willem van "Wingerden" married Annigje Verwey on June 25, 1758 at Schoonrewoerd. The second spelling has been given as "Wijngaarden". "Wijn" is wine and was derived from the vineyards in that area I'm sure. The Dutch pronounce it "vin-garten" with a guttural "g".

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The Netherlands is about the size of the states of Massachusetts and Connecticut combined, almost 16,000 square miles. About 70% of the land is under cultivation. Half of the country's flat land is below sea level. Old windmills which used to pump water out of the land still dot the Dutch landscape, but water is now pumped by modern, electrically powered stations. To create new farmland, the Ijssel Lake is being drained. Because of extensive building of dikes to reclaim land from the sea the Dutch have a saying, "God made the earth, but the Dutch made Holland."

In early times the Netherlands had to survive the usual jockeying for power among the French, Spanish and English. In the end, the Dutch took control themselves. The Congress of Vienna in 1815 liberated the country from France and re-established the United Kingdom of Netherlands which included present day Belgium. Belgium seceded in 1830. The government is a constitutional monarchy with a democratic parliament. The word "Holland" is really the name of the country's two western provinces only - North Holland and South Holland. The entire country is known officially as The Netherlands and is comprised of 11 provinces.

Reiner vanden Berg was the director of a primary school for agriculture at Schoonrewoerd 1948-68. After he retired he wrote a book of the history of Schoonrewoerd. We have been corresponding for the past several years. It was through his research that we were able to locate my grandfather's house.



Johannes van Wijngaarden  
Born in Schoonrewoerd, South Holland 11/3/1839  
Came to Pella, Iowa in 1855 at age 16.  
Married Jannetje Boot in 1867.  
Died in 1923 at age of 84.





Jannetje Boot - Born in Kralingen, South Holland 3/31/1845.  
 Came to Pella, Iowa in May 1853.  
 Married Johannes van Wijngaarden in 1867.  
 Died February 4, 1890 at age of 45.

My grandmother, Jannetje Boot, was born in Kralingen, South Holland, March 31, 1845. The village is no longer there. It was a suburb of Rotterdam. After the low seaport area was pumped dry it became Alexanderpolder (a polder is land reclaimed from the sea).

Jannetje was the eighth child of Arie Boot and Adriana Vermeer. Her father was born August 23, 1807 at Hillegersberg. He was a farmer on the moors of Kralingen. Her mother was a shop woman born at Schipluiden November 11, 1802. Her sisters and brothers were:

1. Trijnte, 5/19/1830 Born at Bergschenhoek
2. Jacob, 11/18/1831 Born at Bergschenhoek
3. Jannetje, 5/27/1834 Born at Kralingen  
     Died 4/16/1841 Age 7
4. Adriaantje, 6/28/1836 Born at Kralingen  
     Died 4/8/1841 Age 5
5. Frans, 8/12/1838 Born at Kralingen
6. Jan, 12/2/1840 Born at Kralingen  
     Died 4/13/1841 Age 4 months
7. Jan, 11/15/1842 Born at Kralingen
8. Jannetje, Born at Kralingen. This was my  
     grandmother. She died Feb. 4, 1890 in  
     Iowa at age of 45.

Note that three children died the week of April 8-16, 1841. It must have been an epidemic. The first Jannetje died at age 7. Adriantje died at age 5. The first Jan died at age of 4 months. Many times after a child died a child born later was given the same name.

The family left Kralingen, South Holland, in May 1853 to come to Pella, Iowa to farm. The great great grandfather, Arie Boot, Sr. lived with them in Kralingen but did not come to America with them.

My dad, Arie, was obviously named after his grandfather Boot. It was a custom to name the first son after his father and the second son after his mother's father. Thus Uncle John was named after Johannes (his father) and my dad (the second son) after his mother's father.



# Lineage

Willem van Wingerden (Wijngerden) Baptized at the Schoonrewoerd 1/1/1754 - Died 9/20/1781  
married

Annijge Verwey on June 25, 1758 at Schoonrewoerd. She died 12/7/1797.

Children:

1. Johannes van Wingerden (Wijngaarden) Baptized 10/21/1759 at Schoonrewoerd

Married 1/22/1786 at Leerdam to:

Maaijken den Hartog (Hertog) Baptized 11/3/1765 at Schoonrewoerd

daughter of AArt den Hartog (Claasson) and Geertje Kool (Klaasdaughter) - married May 1745 at Schoonrewoerd

2. Huijg - May 24, 1761; 3. Marringje - Feb. 6, 1763; 4. Geertje - Aug. 12, 1764; 5. Cornelia - 2/23/1766; Died young.
6. Neeltje - 11/20, 1768 Died young; 7 & 8. Twins - Cornelia & Maria - 6/14/1772.

Johannes van Wingerden (Wijngaarden)

married Maaijken den Hartog 1/22/1786

Their children:

1. Willem - 10/15/1793 (had something on his left hand - was a laborer); 2. Huijg - 3/16/1800 - a laborer;
3. Aart - 8/24/1802 - a small person 54" In 1821 he was free from the conscript; 4. Johannes - 10/28/1804;
5. Klaas - 8/14/1809 - a farmer.

Johannes van Wingerden, a farmer - Born 10/28/1804 at Leerdam. Died 1873.

Married August 17, 1838 at Schoonrewoerd to:

Jantje Happels, a needlewoman - Born 6/15/1811 at Waardenburg, Province of Gelderland. Died 3/6/1881 at age 70.

daughter of Samuel Happels & Marieke van Steenis - living at Zaltbommel in 1838. Marieke was the daughter of Hendrik van Steenis & Geertrui de Ruiter.

Their children:

1. Johannes - Born 11/3/1839 at Schoonrewoerd. Died 1923 in Iowa.
2. Marinus - Born 2/25/1841. Died Sept. 27, 1884. Age 42.
3. Maaïke - Born 1/25/1843 at Leerdam.
4. Sientje - Born 1/11/1845 at Leerdam.
5. Jan - Born 10/4/1848 at Leerdam
6. Willem - Born 11/4/1848 at Leerdam
7. Maria - Born 6/2/1851 at Leerdam
8. Gerrit Huibert - Born 2/23/1854 at Leerdam  
Died in Oregon in 1930.

Johannes van Wijngaarden - Born 11/3/1839 at Schoonrewoerd

married in 1867 to:

Jannetje Boot - Born 5/31/1845 at Kralingen, South Holland. Died 2/4/1890 at age of 45 near Pella, Iowa.

daughter of Arie Boot and Adriana Vermeer.

Their children:

1. Jennie (Jannetje) Born 11/7/1867. Died 9/8/1940
2. Anna (Adriana) Born 11/9/1869. Died in 1944
3. Marie (Marieke) Born 11/28/1877. Died in 1963
4. John (Johannes) Born 8/26/1879. Died 2/26/1940
5. Margaret (Maaïke) Born 12/7/1881. Died 8/21/1968.
6. Irene - Born 8/10/1884. Died 6/30/1970
7. Arie - Born 11/20/1886. Died 12/3/1982. Age 96.
8. Cora - Born 2/23/1888. Died 7/31/1960.



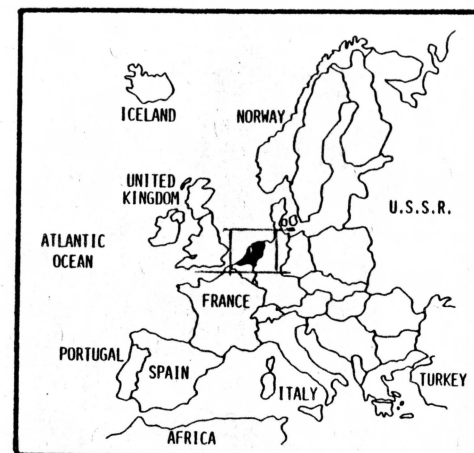
Johannes van Wijngaarden  
 Born October 28, 1804 at Leerdam, South Holland  
 Married Jantje Happels August 17, 1838.  
 Came to Pella, Iowa in 1855.  
 Died in 1873 at age of 69.



Jannetje Happels - Born 6/15/1811 at Waardenburg,  
 Province of Gelderland. She was a needlewoman.  
 Her parents were Samuel Happels & Marieke van Steenis,  
 daughter of Hendrik van Steenis & Geertrui de Ruiter  
 living at Zaltbommel.  
 Came to Pella, Iowa in 1855.  
 Married Johannes van Wijngaarden 8/17/1838.  
 Died March 6, 1881 at age of 70.

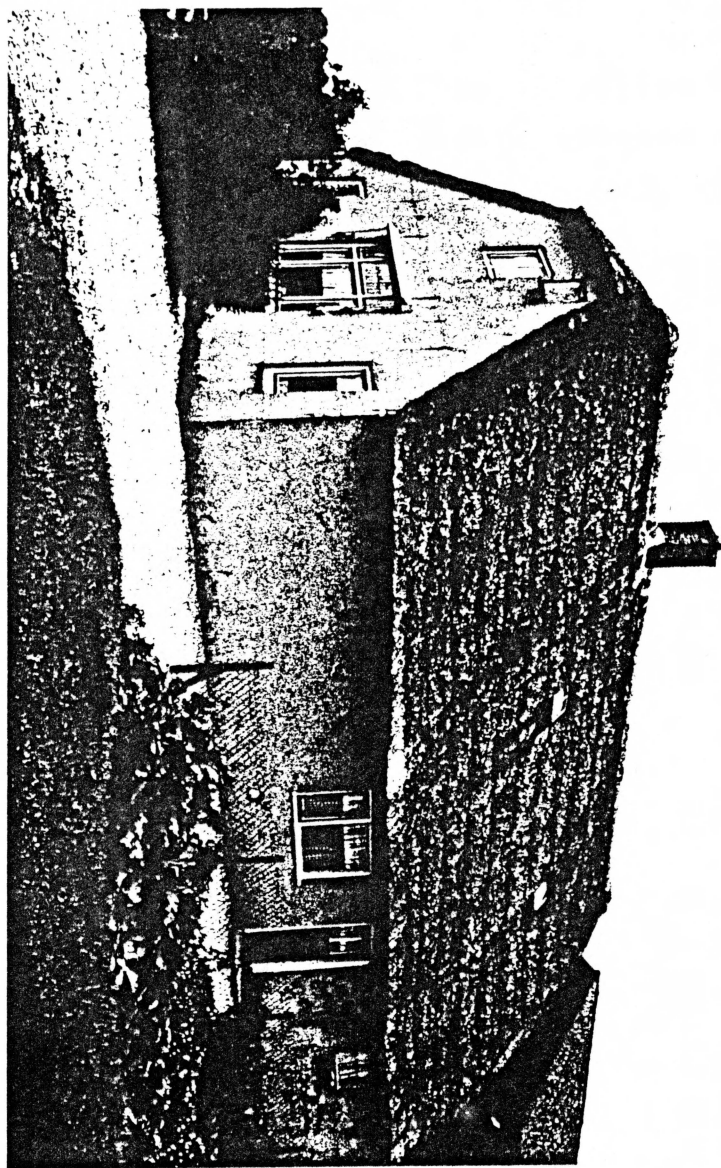
Great great grandfather Johannes van Wijngaarden, baptized October 21, 1759, was an usher of the court at Schoonrewoerd. This was like a bailiff or sheriff's deputy. He worked for the magistrate publishing announcements to the townspeople.

Leerdam and Schoonrewoerd had a combined government at that time. He evidently had quite a bit of money since he was entitled to vote. Only those who had money could vote. On November 1, 1802 he bought a cart with a black horse 11 years old for 50 guilders -- which was quite a sum of money, but it was wartime with the French during the time of Napoleon. He was married to Maaïke den Hartog January 22, 1786 at Leerdam. Her father was a farmer in the Schoonrewoerd neighborhood. Leerdam and Schoonrewoerd were adjoining villages. Great great grandfather became a farmer at Leerdam, probably on one of his father-in-law's farms.





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